

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 24, 2010

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met together on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Red River Authority of Texas, 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas, with the following members and guests present:

RWPG Members:

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman, Red River Authority of Texas,
Wichita Falls
Mr. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
Mr. Jimmy Banks, Wichita County Water Improvement District # 2,
Wichita Falls
Mr. Ed Garnett, Vernon
Mr. Dale Hughes, W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
Judge Kenneth Liggett, Henrietta
Mr. Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Ground Water Conservation
District, Munday
Mr. Kenneth Patton, AEP Region 7 Engineering, Abilene
Mr. Jerry Payne, Henrietta
Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
Dr. Pamela Stephens, Ph.D., Midwestern State University, Wichita
Falls

Advisory:

Mr. Mark Howell, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wichita
Falls
Ms. Virginia Sabia, Texas Water Development Board, Austin

Registered Guest:

Mr. Robert Adams, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., Austin
Mr. Mick Baldys, United States Geological Survey
Ms. Nan Gilbert-Mathis, City Council, Seymour
Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Mr. Glen Hite, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Ms. Simone Kiel, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth
Mayor Gordon Melton, Paducah
Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2,
Wichita Falls
Ms. Danna K. Prichard, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Ms. Risa Tole, W. T. Waggoner Estate, Lake Kemp
Mr. Henry C. Wied, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls

Item One: Public Meeting Call to Order, Roll Call and Introduction of Members and Guest

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman of the Regional Water Planning Group-Area B(RWPG-B), called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Following roll call, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Judge Charlie Bell and his alternate Judge Greg Tyra, Mr. J.K. (Rooter) Brite, Mr. Tom Stephens and his alternate Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Mr. Robert Kincaid, Mr. Wilson Scaling and his alternate Mr. John Moorehouse and Mr. Jeff Watts. Introductions followed.

Item Two: Review and Approval of Minutes of the January 4, 2010 Meeting

After review of the minutes, Mr. Garnett made a motion to approve them as written. His motion was seconded by Judge Liggett. With no discussion or comments, the motion passed by a vote of 11 For and 0 Against.

Item Three: Discuss and Consider Approval of the Initially Prepared Plan for Regional Water Planning Group – Area B and Authorize Its Submission to the Texas Water Development Board by March 1, 2010

Mr. Campbell noted that Mr. Kerry Maroney was unable to attend today's meeting and he then introduced Ms. Simone Kiel. Ms. Kiel informed the group she was going to present an overview of Chapters One through Eight of the *Initially Prepared Plan (IPP)*, and follow up with a county by county summary from the Executive Summary. She also mentioned that Chapter Nine, "Report to Legislature on Water Infrastructure Funding Recommendations" and Chapter Ten, "Adoption of Plan" along with Appendices B and C are not in the *IPP*, but will be included in the final Plan.

During the discussion of Chapter Four, which covers water management strategies, Mr. Mike McGuire questioned the categorization of Baylor WSC. He pointed out that they had been listed as a reliability concern in the *IPP*, but in previous discussions with Mr. Maroney, it had been decided to list them as a safe supply need. Ms. Kiel said she would research the data and make any necessary categorization changes.

Upon completion of her overview, Ms. Kiel called for questions and comments after stating that she was aware there are still several editorial changes needing to be made to the Plan. Mr. Campbell requested that the remark in the Executive Summary stating Young County had no shortages be modified to say the *portion* of Young County in Region B has no projected shortages. Ms. Kiel noted this change and the discussion continued with comments from Mr. Mark Howell. Mr. Howell suggested that the reference in Chapter One pertaining to the striped bass fishery, which is no longer supported by Lake Kemp due to the golden algae problem, be removed from the paragraph. He then questioned information in Chapter Seven about the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Fish Hatchery water supply coming from Lake Kemp. He felt Lake Diversion should be denoted as the water source. Ms. Kiel explained that the water in Lake Diversion originated from Lake Kemp, but she would change the verbiage to represent that process. Mr. Howell's final comment pertained to the City of Iowa Park and the reasoning for including Buffalo Creek in their Drought Contingency Plan, as mentioned in Chapter Six, as they now obtain their water from the City of Wichita Falls. Mr. Adams explained that regional drought triggers require Buffalo Creek to be included in the Drought Plan as a source of water. Mr. Schreiber added that the plant could be brought online in about six days in a crisis situation.

Item Three: Discuss and Consider Approval of the Initially Prepared Plan for Regional Water Planning Group – Area B and Authorize Its Submission to the Texas Water Development Board by March 1, 2010 (continued)

With comments and changes noted, Mr. Campbell asked the members to continue to review the *IPP* and submit any changes by June 18, 2010. With no further discussion Mr. McGuire motioned to approve the Plan with noted corrections and authorize its submittal to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Mr. Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **11 For and 0 Against**.

Item Four: Discuss and Consider Authorizing the Chair of Regional Water Planning Group – Area B to Request the Texas Water Development Board to Conduct an Analysis on the Socioeconomic Impacts of Unmet Water Needs

Mr. Curtis Campbell reminded the group that this topic had been discussed in previous meetings and mentioned that, Region B's Project Manager, Ms. Virginia Sabia, recommended that the board initiate a vote to authorize him to submit a formal request to the TWDB to conduct this analysis. Without further comment, Judge Liggett motioned to accept the authorization of Mr. Campbell to submit this request, and Mr. McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **11 For and 0 Against**.

Item Five: Update from the Texas Water Development Board Project Manager

Mr. Campbell introduced Ms. Sabia, and asked her to discuss current deliverables and events with the members. She started by reminding everyone that the *IPP* was due by March 1, 2010 and the TWDB then has one hundred twenty days to review the Plan and offer comments preceding the submission of the final *Region B Regional Water Plan* on September 1, 2010. She informed the group that some of the TWDB offices were in the process of moving and their website would be down for a few days. Ms. Sabia then opened the floor to questions.

Mr. Campbell inquired when the results of the Infrastructure Financing Survey would be mailed, as the information was needed to complete Chapter 9 in the *Region B Regional Water Plan*. She replied that the data was still being input into the database and she could not provide a mailing date at this time. Mr. Schreiber asked about the status of contracting consultants to evaluate the effects on Lake Kemp, if the proposed strategy of elevating the water levels was implemented. Ms. Sabia explained they were in the process of scoping that plan and the TWDB's intent was to complete the study by the end of 2010. With no further questions the meeting progressed to Item Six on the Agenda.

Item Six: Consider Date and Location for Public Hearing on the Initially Prepared Plan for Regional Water Planning Group – Area B

Mr. Campbell announced that a tentative date of April 13, 2010 had been set for the Public Hearing to be held at Midwestern State University in the Clark Student Center's Comanche Suites at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Campbell inquired if anyone had any conflicts with that date, and none were presented.

Item Six: Consider Date and Location for Public Hearing on the Initially Prepared Plan for Regional Water Planning Group – Area B (continued)

With the Hearing date confirmed, Mr. Campbell mentioned that an informational mail out would be completed the following week. Additionally, he stated that copies of the *IPP* would be mailed to the County Clerk offices and libraries in the Region – B area for review by the general public. He also noted that the Plan would be posted on the Authority's website. Mr. Campbell encouraged the members to attend the Public Hearing to represent the Regional Water Planning Group for Area-B and help field questions from the public. Dr. Pamela Stephens concluded the discussion on the Public Hearing by informing the group she would talk to the University staff about withdrawing the rental charges for the use of the Comanche Suites.

Item Seven: Public Input and Comments to the Planning Group


Mr. Campbell inquired if anyone attending the meeting had any comments or input towards any of the topics discussed today. With no issues presented for conversation, the meeting proceeded to the next agenda item.

Item Eight: Consider Date and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

After reviewing the upcoming schedule for the Region – B Water Planning Group, Mr. Campbell suggested waiting until early July to plan the next meeting date, unless circumstances arise at the Public Hearing that need to be addressed prior to that date. He reiterated that comments on the *IPP* are due by June 18, 2010, and any comments received will be placed on the agenda for discussion prior to the final submittal date of September 1, 2010. With the members in agreement with this schedule, the meeting came to a close.

Item Nine: Adjourn

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.


Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman


Dean Myers, Secretary